[Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan]

legislature. I have got some suggestions also in this behalf to make with regard to the operative portion or the working portion of the amendment. Here it is provided Sir, that the Committee shall consist of the Deputy President as ex-officio chairman, three members elected by the Council and one member nominated by the President. Considering the nature of the Committee and considering the other environments of the House as is obtaining to-day whether the number to be nominated by the President should be restricted to number one or whether it should not be anything more than one is a matter worthy of serious consideration. If two is a number which leaves the total number at an even number then I will even suggest that three members may also be nominated by the Hon'ble President, so that persons who can devote some attention to this most essential work that is expected of such a committee can also come in there. There is of course the stigma of the back-door entrance through nomination by the President. There is a saying Sir, when we have inevitably to choose between two evils we choose the lesser of the two evils. It is in that light that I suggest that powers of nomination by the Hon'ble President may not be restricted to one but something more two or even three. As I said, that is only a suggestion. Even as it is, a word of praise is due to all quarters inclusive of the Government which on the suggestion of the Hon'ble President is seen to have acted promptly which is not generally seen in their actions. I take that Sir, as a consideration due to the elected Hon'ble President of this House and the Legislative Council Secretary. To that extent I am prepared to congratulate the Government also. I know the date on which these things started, not very long days or months back. Because of that I am pepared to congratulate Government when I find that they also come in for that. With these observations I support the amendments.

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government):* In the Madras Standing Order we have got six members to be elected by the Assembly and two members to be nominated by the Speaker. We have simply reduced the number. In the place of 6 we put 3 and in the place of 2 we put 1. If the number is increased it will make the committee unwieldy and again an elected representative is far better than a larger number nominated.

Mr. President: Leave is granted.

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government):* The President may be pleased to suspend S. O. 32.

Mr. President: Standing Order is suspended.

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government):* I move that the amendments may be taken into consideration.

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *Minister for Public Health):* I second it.

Motion put and carried.

Mr. President: The question before the House is that all these amendments form part of the Standing Orders.

Motion put and carried.

Rao Sahib A. Madhava Prabhu *(Chief Secretary to Government):* I move that this may be taken up and finally passed to-morrow.

Rao Bahadur T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Public Health):* I second it.

Motion put and carried

4. VOTING OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS *(cont.)*

(a) 32—Public Works *(cont.)*

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Before we proceed to that I have respectfully to place a suggestion before the House that in view of the fact that we have got innumerable cut motions on the demand relating to Public Works, most of them relating to local needs, I submit Sir, that the time allotted by the rules at ten minutes may be restricted to something less than that as was often done in this House when cut motions were moved.

Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon *(Kattur):* Regarding all cut motions.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Sir, I am glad my Hon'ble friend has agreed, and the sting in it is also understood. The suggestion, Sir, is not made in the manner in which it is hinted. I know my business and I threw out a suggestion, according to me, a useful suggestion before the Chair which it is for the Chair to accept with the concurrence

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of the House. If it is pleased to agree, I will suggest in place of ten minutes, five minutes for the mover and 3 minutes to others. Yet another suggestion I wish to place before the Chair as used to be done in this House, in previous years, when a cut motion is moved on the pressing need of a locality as soon as the motion is moved Government position either accepting fully or with the qualification or their inability to accept used to be stated. If that is done it will further expedite work. I may not be far wrong. If that is done, there is the possibility of all the cut motions being gone through. It will be something deserving to the Minister in charge of Public Works as also to the House. These are the two suggestions that I place before the Chair and the House.

Mr. President: The Hon'ble Member wishes to restrict the time of each speaker, mover being given 5 minutes and the others, 3 minutes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Yes, Sir. But it must be known earlier. What can be done in 30 minutes can be done in three minutes also.

Mr. President: I think it is not advisable to restrict mechanically the time because there may be motions of importance, every motion is not of equal importance. Is it not enough if we follow the suggestion in spirit rather than by letter.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I was only pointing to the precedents of this House repeated year after year in former years.

Mr. President: Both the House and the Chair are thankful to you. But my view is, that sometimes it will be undue restriction in view of the importance of a motion. If the House so agrees, the matter may have left to the discretion of the Chair.....

Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon *(Cheruthuruthi):* Sir, we would gladly leave it to the discretion of the Chair.

Mr. President: So I take it that the sense of the House is that as little time as necessary may be devoted to speeches and that speeches may not run to undue lengths. If that is accepted I shall try to regulate the speeches without restricting them to a number of minutes and seconds. If a motion is a matter of great importance even 10 minutes may be given.

CUT-MOTIONS

(1) Shifting of the office of the Executive Engineer, Southern Division—*(cont.)*

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ : തെക്കെ ഡിവിഷൻ Executive Enginner ന്റെ ആഫീസ്സ് ഇരിങ്ങാലക്കുടക്കൊ, ചാലക്കുടിക്കൊ മാറ്റുന്നതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് ഞാൻ ഇതിനുമുമ്പ് പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളതിൽ കരുവന്നൂർ പുഴ, കുറുമാലി പുഴ,മണലിപ്പുഴ ഈ പുഴകളിലും പുഴകളിൽനിന്നു വരുന്ന തോടുകളിലും താല്ക്കാലിക ചിറകെട്ടി ജലശേഖരംചെയ്തുകൃഷിചെയ്യുന്നതിൽ അവിചാരിതമായി ചിലസമയങ്ങളിൽ കൃഷിക്കാക്ക് നേരിടുന്ന ദോഷങ്ങളാണ് ഞാൻ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളതു്. ചാലക്കുടി പുഴയിൽനിന്നും, അതിൽനിന്നും ഉള്ള തോടുകളിൽനിന്നും ചിറകെട്ടി വെള്ളമെടുത്തു് കൃഷിചെയ്യുന്നതിനുള്ള വിഷമതകളെപ്പറ്റി ഞാൻ ഇവിടെ പറയുകയുണ്ടായിട്ടില്ല. കണ്ടൂർ, കുഴൂർ, അന്നമനട മുതലായ സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ ചിറകെട്ടി കൃഷി ചെയ്യുവരുന്ന സ്ഥലം പതിനായിരം ഏക്കറോളമുണ്ടെന്നു് എനിക്കറിയാം. പതിനായിരത്തിൽ ചിലപ്രാനം ഏക്കർ കോളും എണ്ണായിരത്തിൽ ചിലപ്രാനം ഏക്കർ പുഞയും ഇഞ്ചിവപേരൂർ താലൂക്കിലും, ഇരുപത്തിനാലായിരം ഏക്കർ പുഞനിലം മുകുന്ദപുരം താലൂക്കിലും, ഏഴായിരത്തിൽ ചിലപ്രാനം ഏക്കർ മുണ്ടകൻ നിലവും മണലി, കരുവന്നൂർ, കുറുമാലി ഈ പുഴകളിൽ നിന്നും വെള്ളമെടുത്തു് കൃഷിചെയ്യുവരുന്നുണ്ടു്. അതിനും പുറമെയാണ് ചാലക്കുടി പുഴയിൽനിന്നും അതിന്റെ ഉപപുഴകളിൽനിന്നും താല്ക്കാലിക ചിറകെട്ടിശേഖരിച്ചു് വെള്ളമെടുക്കുന്നതു്. ഏതെങ്കിലും ഒരു ചിറ പൊട്ടിയാൽ താഴെയുള്ള മറ്റു ചിറകളെല്ലാം പൊട്ടി വെള്ളം മുഴുവൻ കടലിൽ പോകാൻ ഇടയുള്ളതാണു്. ഇവിടെ ചില സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ പുളികടക്കാതിരിക്കാൻ വേണ്ടി, അതായതു്, ഏറ്റം ഉയർന്നവരമ്പോലെ കോൾനിലങ്ങളിൽ ഉപ്പുവെള്ളം കടക്കാതിരിക്കാനുള്ള സംരക്ഷയും ഇതിൽ ഉൾപ്പെടും. കൊച്ചി രാജ്യത്തു ഭക്ഷണക്ഷാമം എത്രയും കലശലായിരിക്കുന്ന ഇക്കാലത്തു് തൃശ്ശിവപേരൂർ, മുകുന്ദപുരം എന്നീ താലൂക്കുകളിലെ കൃഷിക്കാരെ സംരക്ഷിക്കാനുള്ള പദ്ധതികളിൽ ഏറ്റവും പ്രാധാന്യം അർഹിക്കുന്ന ഒന്നായി എക്സിക്യൂട്ടിവ് എഞ്ചിനിയരുടെ ശ്രദ്ധ പതിയേണ്ട ചിറകളാണു് ഇവയെന്നുള്ള സംഗതി ഇവിടെ പ്രസ്താവയോഗ്യമാണു്. ഞാൻ ഇവിടെ ഇതിനുമുമ്പു് പറയുകയുണ്ടായി. ഒരുപക്ഷെ ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടു ഭാഗത്തുനിന്നു ഈ ആഫീ

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